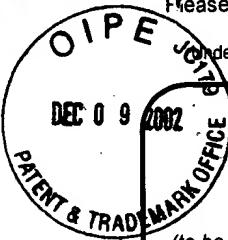


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following comments.

REMARKS

Claims 3-6, 11-14, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 26-30 are pending.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 11-14, 16, 19, 20, 24, 26, 28, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao et al. (USP 6,051,286) in view of Patrick et al. (USP 5,474,648).

Claims 5, 27, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhao et al. in view of Patrick et al., and further in view of Boys et al. (USP 4,500,408).